Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Cancelled).
- 2. (Previously presented) A cosmetic preparation comprising a hexamethyl dicyclopentane compound of the formula (III):

3. (Previously presented) A cosmetic preparation comprising a hexamethyl dicyclohexane compound of the formula (IV):

- 4. (Previously presented) The cosmetic preparation of claim 2, wherein the amount of the compound present in the cosmetic preparation is from 0.1% to 50% by weight of the cosmetic preparation.
- 5. (Previously presented) The cosmetic preparation of claim 2, wherein the amount of the compound present in the cosmetic preparation is from 0.1% to 30% by weight of the preparation.

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6-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a hexamethyl dicyclopentane compound of the formula (III):

15. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a hexamethyl dicyclohexane compound of the formula (IV):

16-19. (Cancelled)

- 20. (Previously presented) The cosmetic preparation of claim 3 wherein the amount of the compound present in the cosmetic preparation is from 0.1% to 50% by weight of the cosmetic preparation.
- 21. (Previously presented) The cosmetic preparation of claim 3 wherein the amount of the compound present in the cosmetic preparation is from 0.1% to 30% by weight of the cosmetic preparation.